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***The America Recovery
and
Reinvestment Act
For
The Northern Mariana Islands***

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Introduction

This booklet, compiled for the Northern Mariana Islands on March 9, 2009, contains information about the funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Act is intended to provide economic stimulus to the nation during this time of economic hardship, to protect and create jobs, and to help build a base for future economic health.

The booklet has two purposes: The first is to assist the Commonwealth Government in accessing funds that are available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the Recovery Act. Many of these are formula-based grants to existing programs. Federal agencies have already begun to notify agencies in the Commonwealth regarding new funding that will be available for existing programs and further notifications will continue in the weeks ahead. Some of the funds will be available on a competitive basis. State-level governments, such as the CNMI, that submit the best grant proposals will receive funding.

The second purpose of this booklet is to provide the general public with basic information about federal assistance and funding opportunities available to the Northern Mariana Islands in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Members of the public who are interested in programs listed here should contact the federal agencies in charge (using the contact information provided in the booklet) and the local agencies that are responsible for that particular type of program.

Please note: Because of the complexity of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act and because the Commonwealth may in some cases have unique arrangements for accessing federal program funds, not all applicable programs are included in this booklet. Furthermore, allocations of funds to the U.S. insular areas are in some cases subject to the discretion of federal program administrators. For these reasons the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply. We will continue to update this booklet, as new information becomes available.

Information and Resources:

- America Recovery and Reinvestment Webpage: www.recovery.gov
- Clearinghouse of government information: <http://www.usa.gov>
- How to apply for federal contracts: <https://www.fbo.gov/>
- How to apply for federal grants: <http://www.grants.gov/>
- How to access various federal benefits: <http://www.govbenefits.gov>

AGRICULTURE, NUTRITION AND RURAL SERVICES

Agriculture

Program:	Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations
CNMI Funding:	\$4,150,000
Funding Agency:	Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture
CNMI Authorized Project:	Kagman Watershed
Description:	Watershed Operations is a voluntary program which provides assistance to sponsoring local organizations of authorized watershed projects, planned and approved under the authority of the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act of 1954 (P.L. 83-566). The Kagman Watershed Project reduces flooding and provides reliable water supply for vegetable farming. The Project significantly decreases flooding of agricultural lots and flooding of the main road from the island's east side population center. The planned project measures include completion of waterways A, B, and C, which will collect and transfer runoff and divert water into a planned 70 million gallon reservoir.
Contact information:	Natural Resources Conservation Service Attn: Public Affairs Division P.O. Box 2890 Washington, DC 20013 202-720-1560(Phone)
Website:	http://www.nrcs.usda.gov/

Agriculture

Program:	Farm Operating Direct Loan
CNMI Funding:	\$21,000
Funding Agency:	Department of Agriculture
CNMI Authorized Project:	Farm Operating Direct Loan
Description:	FSA offers loans for farmers and ranchers to purchase farmland and finance agricultural

	operations. FSA loan programs are designed to help producers who are temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit. In many cases, applicants are beginning farmers who have insufficient net worth to qualify for financing through a commercial lender. In other instances, borrowers might have suffered setbacks from natural disasters or might be persons with limited resources.
Contact information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency Public Affairs Staff 1400 Independence Ave., S.W. STOP 0506 Washington, DC 20250-0506
Website:	http://www.fsa.usda.gov

Nutrition Services

Program:	Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
CNMI Funding:	\$5,909,405
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	WIC's goal is to improve the health of low income pregnant, breastfeeding and non-breast-feeding postpartum women, and infants and children up to 5 years old. WIC provides supplemental foods, nutrition education, and access to health services. Participants receive vouchers that can be redeemed at retail food stores for specific foods that are rich sources of the nutrients frequently lacking in the diet of low-income mothers and children.
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service Food Distribution Division 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/

Program:	The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
CNMI Funding:	\$7,669
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	CNMI-PSS received ARRA-TEFAP of a combined award amount of \$7,669 (of which \$4,096 is for FY2009 & \$3,573 is for FY2010) for ARRA-TEFAP Admin Funds under CFDA 10.568. An additional amount of \$16,343 was received under CFDA 10.569 for ARRA TEFAP Food Entitlement funds. Unlike other states, the CNMI TEFAP is entirely cashed out on a regular basis. This is due to the fact the food entitlement is very small and therefore more practical to purchase food locally for the program. Once each week through local vendors, FNS delivers healthy foods to parents of Head Start children. Additionally, healthy foods are delivered to parents at monthly CPIC meetings at the respective Head Start centers accompanied by presentations from health and nutrition authorities. Expected outcomes are that parents will enjoy nutritious meals in their homes while modeling and sharing healthy foods and a healthy lifestyle with their children. (Status:Completed)
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax) Email: fdd-psb@fns.usda.gov
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd/programs/tefap/

Program:	Emergency Food and Shelter National Board Program
CNMI Funding:	\$44,350
Funding Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Description:	Provides food and shelter for those in need. EFSP funds can be used for a broad range of services, including: mass shelter; mass feeding; food distribution through food pantries and food banks; one-month assistance with rent; mortgage and utility payments to prevent evictions; and transition assistance from shelters to stable living conditions. ESFP's objectives are to allocate funds to the

	neediest areas; to ensure fast response; to foster public-private sector partnerships; to ensure local decision-making; and to maintain minimal but accountable reporting.
Contact Information:	Federal Emergency Management Agency 500 C Street S.W. Washington, D.C. 20472 202- 646-2500(Phone)
Website:	http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/efs.shtm

Program:	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
CNMI Funding:	\$1.459 million
Funding Agency:	Food and Nutrition Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The SNAP in the CNMI defines a needy family as one with income equal to or lower than the Gross Income Eligibility Standards appropriate for that size Household as designated and with resources equal to or below the Resource Eligibility Standards established in Section 9. The CNMI Program is designed to maximize benefits of those CNMI Households determined most in need, and thus most deserving of nutritional assistance. This is accomplished by preparation of tables providing for variable benefit levels depending upon: (1) the size of the Household, and (2) the amount of Household's net income. Thirty percent (30%) of all food purchased with coupons under the Program shall be local commodities obtained, grown, fished, raised, or otherwise produced in the CNMI.
Contact Information:	Food & Nutrition Service 3101 Park Center Drive, Room 504 Alexandria, VA 22302-1500 703 305-2680 (Phone) 703 305-2420 (Fax)
Website:	http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/Default.htm

Rural Services

Program:	Rural Housing Insurance Fund Program Account
Funding Agency:	Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	These loans are available for low- and very low-income households to obtain homeownership. Applicants may obtain 100% financing to purchase an existing dwelling, purchase a site

	and construct a dwelling, or purchase newly constructed dwellings located in rural areas. Mortgage payments are based on the household's adjusted income. Under the Guaranteed Loan program, the Housing and Community Facilities Programs guarantees loans made by private sector lenders. (A loan guarantee through HCFP means that, should the individual borrower default on the loan, HCFP will pay the private financier for the loan.) The individual works with the private lender and makes his or her payments to that lender. Under the terms of the program, an individual or family may borrow up to 100% of the appraised value of the home, which eliminates the need for a down payment. Since a common barrier to owning a home for many low-income people is the lack of funds to make a down payment, the availability of the loan guarantees from HCFP makes the reality of owning a home available to a much larger percentage of Americans.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Community Facilities Program Account
Funding Agency:	Rural Housing Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	Community Programs administers programs designed to develop essential community facilities for public use in rural areas. These facilities include schools, libraries, childcare, hospitals, medical clinics, assisted living facilities, fire and rescue stations, police stations, community centers, public buildings and transportation. Through its Community Programs, the Department of Agriculture is striving to ensure that such facilities are readily available to all rural communities. Community Programs utilizes three flexible financial tools to achieve this goal: the Community Facilities Guaranteed Loan Program, the Community Facilities Direct Loan Program, and the Community Facilities Grant Program.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Water and Waste Disposal Program Account
Funding Agency:	Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	The purpose of this program is to develop water and waste disposal systems, including solid waste disposal and storm drainage, in rural areas and towns. Funds are available to public entities, such as municipalities, counties, special-purpose districts. In addition, funds may be made available to corporations operated on a not-for-profit basis. Priority will be given to public entities in areas with less than 5,500 people to restore a deteriorating water supply, or to improve, enlarge, or modify a water facility or an inadequate waste facility. The purpose of this program is to reduce water and waste disposal costs to a reasonable level for facilities serving the most financially needy communities/users of the system. Grants may be made, in some instances, up to 75% of eligible project costs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Distance Learning, Telemedicine and Broadband
CNMI Funding:	\$8 milliom
Funding Agency:	Rural Utilities Services, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	<p>Through our Distance Learning and Telemedicine Program, USDA Rural Development offers rural communities help in developing facilities to make these exciting new services accessible. Financial assistance is available through loans, grants, and loan/grant combinations. Distance learning projects provide funding for computers and internet hookups in schools and libraries. Now, students living in sparsely populated rural areas can obtain the same quality of education previously offered to suburban and urban areas. Telemedicine provides rural clinics and health care centers with instant access to physicians hundreds or thousands of miles away.</p> <p>The physician can do anything from conversing with the patient to making visual examinations, to running complicated tests. Rural Utilities Service will support the expansion of broadband service in rural areas through financing and grants to projects that provide access to high speed service and facilitate economic</p>

	development in locations without sufficient access to such service.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

Program:	Rural Business Program Account
Funding Agency:	Rural Business-Corporate Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture
Description:	To make available to rural communities through Rural Utility Service borrowers grants to be used for revolving loan funds for infrastructure, community facilities, healthcare and educational type projects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Agriculture 1-800-670-6553 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/

COMMERCE

Program:	Broadband Technology Opportunities
Funding Agency:	National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.
Description:	Funding is provided to award competitive grants to accelerate Broadband deployment in unserved and underserved areas and to strategic institutions that is likely to create jobs or provide significant public benefits. The U.S. Congress has appropriated \$4.7 billion to establish a Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) for awards to eligible entities to develop and expand broadband services to rural and underserved areas and improve access to broadband by public safety agencies. \$200 million shall be used for competitive grants for expanding public computer center capacity. \$250 million shall be for competitive grants for innovative programs to encourage sustainable broadband adoption. Internet service providers would be required to provide open access to broadband networks built using the federal funds. Up to \$350 million of the BTOP funding is designated for the development and maintenance of a broadband inventory map. \$650 million has been set aside for the TV Converter Box Coupon Program to allow National Telecommunication and Information Administration to ensure vulnerable populations are prepared for the transition from analog-to-digital television transmission.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Commerce 325 Broadway Boulder, Colorado 80305-3328 (303) 497-3500
Website:	http://www.ntia.doc.gov/

Program:	Economic Development Assistance Programs
Funding Agency:	Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Description:	The program's funding is first distributed regionally on a formulaic basis based on high unemployment or low per capita income, and then each region actively seeks competitive applications. \$50 million will be used for economic adjustment assistance to help communities recover from sudden and severe economic dislocation and massive job losses due to corporate restructuring. \$50 million may be transferred to federally

	authorized, regional economic development commissions.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Commerce 1401 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20230 202-482-2000 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.eda.gov/InvestmentsGrants/Investments.xml

Program:	National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration Operations, Research and Facilities
CNMI Program:	Habitat Conservation: Laolao Bay Road and Coastal Management Improvement Plan
CNMI Funding:	\$1,133,391
Funding Agency:	National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce
Description:	DEQ will address upland sources of sedimentation for the recovery of coral reefs within Laolao Bay. DEQ will also protect sea turtle nesting habitat along Laolao Bay. Proposed work includes revegetation of deforested areas; stream crossing erosion controls; elimination of unsustainable beach activities through installation of bollards, informational signage, education and outreach. DEQ will enhance water quality and coral reef monitoring for accurate recording of changes over time. The Project Manager and Marine Ecologist have been contracted. The Project Coordinator has been selected, and the employment contract is being routed. The evaluation and selection process for the Field Coordinator, Project Administrator, and Entry Level Ecologist is ongoing. A contract for supply and install of 5 computer systems has been completed, and a 50% down payment has been made. The project Marine Monitoring Plan has been completed (PMRI). The project Revegetation Planting Plan has been completed (DEQ with NRCS, DLNR Forestry, and DFW). Propagation of trees and other plants for revegetation is ongoing at the DLNR nursery. Project planning and coordination with NOAA RC is ongoing. Final project scoping and scheduling is nearing completion. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) Jobs created were Project Manager and PhD Ecologist.
Contact Information:	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW Room 5128 Washington, DC 20230

	Phone:(202)482-1939
Website:	http://www.noaa.gov/

PUBLIC SAFETY

Program:	Violence Against Women Prevention and Prosecution Programs
CNMI Funding:	\$78,125
Funding Agency:	Office on Violence against Women, U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	<p>The STOP Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to enhancing advocacy and improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. It encourages the development and improvement of effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to address violent crimes against women and the development and improvement of advocacy and services in cases involving violent crimes against women. VAWA was designed to improve criminal justice responses to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking and to increase the availability of services for victims of these crimes. VAWA requires a coordinated community response (CCR) to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking, encouraging jurisdictions to bring together players from diverse backgrounds to share information and to use their distinct roles to improve community responses to violence against women. These players include, but are not limited to: victim advocates, police officers, prosecutors, judges, probation and corrections officials, health care professionals, leaders within faith communities, and survivors of violence against women. The federal law takes a comprehensive approach to violence against women by combining tough new penalties to prosecute offenders while implementing programs to aid the victims of such violence.</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) 800 K Street, N.W., Suite 920 Washington, D.C. 20530 Phone: 202-307-6026 Fax: 202-305-2589 TTY: 202-307-2277 Website: www.usdoj.gov/ovw</p>
Website:	http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/stop_grant_desc.htm

Program:	Byrne Grants
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CNMI Funding:	The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – \$1,640,925 The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program-Competitive Grant
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Justice
Description:	<p>The main purpose of our award is to help create jobs and/or preserve jobs for criminal justice-related agencies such as the Supreme Court, the Department of Public Safety (DPS), the Department of Corrections (DOC), etc. Eight (8) positions were filled this quarter. One (1) person resigned and one (1) person was terminated. The remaining four (4) agencies that have not hired personnel are close to filling their job vacancies. (Status: More than 50% Completed)</p> <p>The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system. Funds under the JAG program may be used for hiring, training, and employing of added law enforcement officers and needed personnel on an ongoing basis. In addition funds can also be used to acquire equipment, technology and other resources directly for law enforcement purposes, crime prevention programs linking assistance between the community and law enforcement personnel to control, identify, or investigate crime or to prosecute criminals.</p> <p>The Competitive Grant Program is an open, competitive solicitation. The funding must be used to prevent crime, improve the administration of justice, provide services to victims of crimes, and support critical nurturing and mentoring of at-risk children and youth. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered.</p>
Contact Information:	Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/

Program:	COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)
Funding Agency:	State and Local Enforcement Assistance, U.S. Department of Justice
CNMI Funding:	\$519,048
Description:	The COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) provides funding directly to the Department of Public Safety to hire career law enforcement officers in an effort to create and preserve jobs and to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. The police officers will patrol the areas (community policing), conduct traffic activities, conduct criminal investigations, and other law enforcement duties and responsibilities. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) Nine (9) police officers were hired under the COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). They are currently undergoing the CNMI Police Academy, which will conclude in August 2010. Recipients Department of Public Safety-Fiscal Affairs Section.
Contact Information:	Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/

Program:	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program
Funding Agency:	Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Description:	Competitive grant to provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade, or construct fire stations. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants (AFG) is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and nonaffiliated emergency medical services organizations. The grant will help firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training, and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.
Contact	DHS/FEMA/Grant Programs Directorate

Information:	Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program Tech World Bldg - South Tower 5th Floor 500 C Street, SW Washington, DC 20472 1-866-274-0960 (Phone)
Website:	www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG

Program:	Victims of Crime Act Program
Funding Agency:	Department of Justice
CNMI Funding:	\$206,000
Description:	<p>The Victim Assistance Grant Program is intended to provide services to victims of crime. There are two sub grantee's that were awarded under this grant, The Guma Esperansa program, a nonprofit social service agency provides shelter services to victims of crime and domestic violence. The Community Guidance Center, a government agency provides counseling services. Their program is the Victim Assistance program and provides counseling services to victims of crime. The two programs that were awarded funding under the VOCA Recovery Act are the Guma Esperansa, a shelter for victims of crime and the Community Guidance Center, and mental health service provider. Guma Esperansa continues to provide services and shelters to victims of crime during this reporting period. They also continue to work collaboratively with the primary mental health service providers and the law enforcement agencies to ensure services are provided quickly to victims when needed. The program continues to have one paid full time staff under this grant and three (3) volunteer staff. There were a total of fifty nine (59) victims that were provided services during this reporting period. The community Guidance Center (CGC) is the only Mental Health service provider in the Northern Marianas. This specific grant program is to provide direct counseling service to all victims of crime. Under the VOCA Recovery Act grant, the program hired one full time victim of crime counselor. The counselor has been providing counseling services to victims of crime on the island of Saipan and also travels on a monthly basis to the other two islands of Tinian and Rota to provide services there as well. There were a total of twenty seven (27) clients that were provided services during this reporting period. (Status: Less</p>

	Than 50% Completed)
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530-0001 202-514-2000
Website:	http://www.ojp.gov

Program:	Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic Violence
Funding Agency:	Department of Justice
CNMI Funding:	\$78,125
Description:	<p>The Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence (NMCADSV) submitted this proposal to build the CNMI's capacity in serving victims of sexual assault by being a catalyst for collaboration and coordination between service providers as well as coordinating commonwealth-wide activities dedicated to creating a comprehensive response to sexual violence. The goal of this project is to continue to lead coordination and collaborative efforts aimed at supporting member programs working to enhance the continuum of sexual assault services. The goal of this project will be accomplished through two (2) objectives, as follows: 1.) The improvement of NMCADSV's capacity to support its membership through the hiring of a Program Assistant who will provide administrative, operational and programmatic support to the NMCADSV and its activities. During this reporting period, the NMCADSV signed a contract with the newly hired Program Assistant. The Program Assistant has contributed greatly to NMCADSV, its mission and activities. She has established operating systems, including developing forms to increase accountability in record keeping and bookkeeping, established relationships with allied providers like the Child Protective Unit, and is currently serving as the Chair of the Sexual Assault Awareness Month Committee. 2.) The enhancement NMCADSV's capacity for fiscal responsibility and accountability by creating and utilizing systems to monitor, track, and report on funds by contracting with an individual, company, organization or firm who will design a financial tracking/reporting system and train staff. During this reporting period, the NMCADSV signed a contract with the accounting firm of Burger & Comer, P.C. The firm has been invaluable over</p>

	<p>this reporting period and the NMCADSV has worked with them to: update and file all required tax forms, create a system for payroll and the remittance of federal and territorial payments, complete and submit an application for exemption from federal income taxes to the Internal Revenue Service (Form 1023), purchase and install financial management software, learn how to use the software, and learn basic accounting principles and common procedures for non-profits, and so forth. None of these activities would have been possible without ARRA funding. (Status: More than 50% Completed)</p>
Contact Information:	<p>Office of Justice Programs U.S. Department of Justice 810 Seventh Street NW Washington, DC 20531 202-307-0703 (Phone)</p>
Website:	<p>http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery-awards.htm</p>

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Program:	Micro-Loan Program
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration (SBA)
Description:	Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit decisions are made on the local level.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	7(a) Loan Guarantee Program
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To ensure small businesses have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 7(a) loan program. SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722)
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	504 Loan Program
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 504 loans that may be used to establish a new business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business. Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent possible for the 504 loan program.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

Program:	Business Stabilization Program
Funding Agency:	Small Business Administration
Description:	To provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business concerns that has a qualifying small business loan and is experiencing immediate financial hardship.
Contact Information:	US Small Business Administration 409 3rd Street, SW Washington, DC 20416 1-800-U-ASK-SBA (1-800-827-5722) Send e-mails to: answerdesk@sba.gov Answer Desk TTY: (704) 344-6640
Website:	www.sba.gov

EDUCATION

Program:	Consolidated Grant to Outlying Areas
CNMI Funding:	\$1,797,780
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education- CNMI Public School System
Description:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. TURN-AROUND SCHOOLS-\$610,000School improvement plans submitted March 31st (Less than 50%). Professional development (Not started) 2. TEACHER ACADEMY -\$135,00019 gifted students recruited (Less than 50%) 3. SUPPORT FOR N/AYP SCHOOLS - \$391,330 PDs commenced Feb (Less than 50%). Webinars started in March (Less than 50%) 4. SUMMER TEACHER SEMINARS- \$946,000 Summer Seminars (Not started) 5. SUMMER READING PROGRAMS- \$120,737Not started 6. PUBLIC EDUCATION PROGRAMS- \$100,130 Produced 4 newspaper supplements, 3 television shows & 2 quarterly newspapers (Completed more than 50%). 7. PARENT & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT-\$100,000 Parent centers & training established at 6 schools (Less than 50%) 8. ONE LAPTOP PER CHILD-\$489,055Bid process (100%). Bid Award (Less than 50%). Use Agreement (Less than 50%) 9. NETWORK UPGRADES-\$190,870 Data Management System. (Fully Completed). New PSS website for Central and 20 Schools (less than 50% completed). Systems Network Health assessment (Less than 50% completed). Install Network Health Assessment upgrade recommendations (less than 50% completed) 10. CENTRAL ELECTRONIC DATA ARCHIVE-\$100,000- Not Started 11. REVIEW OF STANDARDS AND ASSESSMENT PEER REVIEW \$57,688(Less than 50% completed) 12. SCHOOL LEADERSHIP IMPROVEMENT PROJECT \$264,800- Not Started
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202

	Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Cola and QI
CNMI Funding:	\$205,290
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	ARRA Supplemental Grant allows our program to implement a cost-of-living increase of 1.84%. and improve staff qualifications and assist with the implementation of career development programs for staff that support ongoing improvement of their skills and expertise. The purpose of this ARRA Supplemental Grant is to provide cost-of-living-adjustment; improve staff qualifications by hiring 2 substitute teachers to work in the classroom while Head Start teachers are taking college courses and by provide additional trainings. Results of the award are the hiring of 2 FTE teacher assistants for 1 year; improved teaching standards thru trainings and staff development. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) Jobs for two Teacher Assistants were open to provide education and early childhood development services in the Head Start Program.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Education for the Disadvantaged (Title I)
CNMI Funding:	\$2,552,414
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	\$10 billion will go toward Title I formula grants and \$3 billion toward School Improvement grants. These funds should be available during school years 2009-2010 and 2010-2011 to help school districts mitigate the effect of the recent reduction in local revenues and State support for education. \$5 billion of the Title I formula grants will be allocated through the targeted formula and the same amount should be allocated through the education finance incentive grant formula. Half of the grant will be

	distributed in February/March and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Education Technology
CNMI Funding:	\$153,036
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	The Enhancing Education through Technology program supports State, district, and school efforts to integrate technology into curricula in order to improve teaching and learning. Funding shall be used for technology hardware, software applications, professional development and related instructional technology staff and services. These funds should be used to improve student academic achievement and ensure that students are college and workforce ready by ensuring that every student has 21st century skills and is technology literate. In addition, the funds should be used to increase ongoing and meaningful professional development around technology that leads to changes in teaching and curriculum and improves student achievement. Half of the Grant will be distributed in June/July and half in September/October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Vocational Rehabilitation
CNMI Funding:	\$270,196
Funding Agency:	Rehabilitation Services and Disability Research, U.S. Department of Education
Description:	To assist in operating statewide comprehensive,coordinated, effective, efficient and accountable programs of vocational

	rehabilitation which are an integral part of a statewide workforce investment system; and designed to assess, plan, develop, and provide vocational rehabilitation services for individuals with disabilities consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that such individuals may prepare and engage in gainful employment. The overall purpose and expected results of the award is to assist in operating statewide comprehensive, coordinated, effective, efficient and accountable programs of vocational rehabilitation, which are an integral part of a statewide workforce investment system, and designed to assist, plan, develop and provide vocational rehabilitation services to individuals with disabilities, consistent with their strengths, resources, priorities, concerns, abilities, capabilities, interests, and informed choice, so that such individuals may prepare and engage in gainful employment. (Status: Not Started)
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Independent Living State Grant
CNMI Funding:	\$22,523
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Description:	The overall purpose of the award is to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities, support the operation of centers for independent living and the statewide independent living council, provide training on the independent living philosophy and outreach to unserved and underserved populations, conduct studies and analysis and present information to policy makers to enhance independent living services, and support activities that increase the capacity of independent living service providers. The purpose of the award is to provide independent living services to individuals with significant disabilities, support the operation of center for independent living, the statewide independent living council, provide training on the independent living philosophy and outreach to unserved and underserved populations, conduct and

	analysis and present information to policy makers to enhance independent living services, and support activities that increase the capacity of independent living service providers. (Status: Not Started)
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education, OSERS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 5055, PCP Washington, DC 20202-2800 202-245-7404 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html

Program:	Center for Independent Living Recovery Act
CNMI Funding:	\$106,200
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services
Description:	A discretionary grant program that funds centers for independent living as part of a statewide network of centers that are consumer controlled, community based, cross-disability, nonresidential private non-profit agencies that are designed and operated within a local community by individuals with disabilities; and that provide an array of independent living services, including the core services of independent living skills, information and referral, peer counseling, and individual and systems advocacy. Outreach to Tinian and Rota. Vegetable Garden project at the Center. Purpose of the trip to Tinian and Rota is to serve the unserve and the underserved people with disability. To provide and train people with disability the four cores offer here at the Center for Living Independently in the CNMI which are Information and Referral, Advocacy, Peer Counseling and Independent Living Skills. The purpose of the vegetable garden is to teach consumer with disability on how to plant vegetables for personal use. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) Jobs Created were Executive Director and Part-time Independent Living Skill Trainer.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education, OSERS 400 Maryland Ave., S.W., Rm. 5055, PCP Washington, DC 20202-2800 202-245-7404 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html

Program:	Teacher Quality Enhancement Competitive State Grants
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	States may use grant funds to reform teacher licensing and certification requirements; provide alternative methods of teacher preparation; and provide alternative routes to State certification. The funds provided in the economic recovery bill will assist States in modernizing the teaching workforce, address teacher shortages, and provide new routes to teaching for jobless individuals seeking to enter the teaching field.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	PELL-Student Financial Assistance
CNMI Funding:	\$947,425
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	These funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn. Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds, to provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. Recipient Northern Marianas College.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Work Study-Student Financial Assistance
CNMI Funding:	\$ 45,193

Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	These funds will provide immediate financial relief to an additional 800,000 students and their families who are struggling to pay for the cost of a higher education during the economic downturn. Students may fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine if they are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant or Work-Study funds, to provide need-based scholarships for undergraduate students. Recipient Northern Marianas College.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part B
CNMI Funding:	\$174,906
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	IDEA Program Part B authorizes education of school aged children (grants to states) and a state grant program for preschool children with disabilities. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/October. Supplemental funding for reaching more children and adults in the community to ensure access to proper preventative healthcare.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone)
Website:	http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) Part C
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CNMI Funding:	\$16,323
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	Assist States in the implementation of a statewide, comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary, interagency system of early intervention services for infants and toddlers with disabilities and their families. The purpose of the grant is to improve upon the daily delivery of Early Intervention Services to eligible infants, toddlers and their families through training, assistive technology and educational materials. (Status: More than 50% Completed) IDEA Program Part C authorizes state grants for programs serving infants and toddlers with disabilities. Half of the grant will be distributed in February/March and half in September/ October.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327) 202-884-8215 (Phone)
Website:	http://idea.ed.gov/ http://www.ed.gov http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Program:	State Fiscal Stabilization-Education Fund
CNMI Funding:	\$24.4 million
Amount Received:	\$24.4 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
Description:	Support of elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education and as applicable, early childhood education programs and services. Includes Kindergarten through grade 12 school modernizations: repair, renovation, energy efficiency improvements to existing schools. We hired 58 out of the planned 105 teachers and counselors and are recruiting the balance for next SY. We have expanded our CTE programs at all five 5 of our high schools. We have hired an A&E and CM firm to finalize scopes and prepare bids with the repairs, renovations and modernization to begin on or about May 30th at

	our 20 public schools. We are purchasing laptop computers for student's grades 7-12. We are finalizing plans for a two week leadership training for school leaders and a series of teacher training seminars. We provided summer seminars that enabled 26 out of 156 teachers and teacher aides who are N/HQT to pass the PRAXIS II core content knowledge test and become HQT. HQT count increases to 451 teachers or 72%. 58 good paying teaching positions created which help reduce class size, offer more AP classes, CTE classes and expand educational opportunities for students in the CNMI.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov

Program:	Government Services Fund-State Fiscal Stabilization
CNMI Funding:	\$8 million
Amount Received:	\$8 million
Funding Agency:	Office of Elementary and Secondary Education
Description:	<p>Government Services Fund- for public safety and other government services, which may include assistance for elementary and secondary education and public institutions of higher education, and for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school facilities and institutions of higher education facilities, including modernization, renovation, and repairs that are consistent with a recognized green building rating.</p> <p>Payment to vendors of the CNMI medical referral program to include costs incurred from the date of enactment of the ARRA. These costs include payments for medical treatment, medical travel, and subsidies. Payment to the CNMI Public School System for purposes of funding salaries for 44 positions at the Garapan Elementary School. \$1,040,000.00 was transferred from this award to the Public School System to cover a fiscal shortfall. These positions include classroom teachers, administrative professionals, and support staff. The CNMI covered fuel costs for the Department of Public Safety as part, as well as utility expenses. The funds transferred to the Public School System funded 44 full-time positions at the Garapan Elementary School, which would have otherwise been eliminated due to a fiscal shortfall for FY10 for PSS. The shortfall came as a result of the reduction of Federal Compact Impact funds, which the</p>

	Public School System is a recipient of.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov
Program:	Teacher Incentive Fund
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	This program supports efforts to develop and implement performance-based teacher and principal compensation systems in high-need schools. The goals for the this program is to improve student achievement by increasing teacher and principal effectiveness, reform teacher and principal compensation systems so that teachers and principals are rewarded for increases in student achievement, increase the number of effective teachers teaching poor, minority, and disadvantaged students in hard-to-staff subjects and create sustainable performance-based compensation systems. Competitive grant.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone:1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/programs/teacherincentive/index.html

Program:	Impact Aid Program
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Education
Description:	Most Impact Aid funds, except for the additional payments for children with disabilities and construction payments, are considered general aid to the recipient school districts; these districts may use the funds in whatever manner they choose in accordance with their local and State requirements. Most recipients use these funds for current expenditures, but recipients may use the funds for other purposes such as capital expenditures. School districts use Impact Aid for a wide variety of expenses, including the salaries of teachers and teacher aides; purchasing textbooks, computers, and other equipment; after-school programs and remedial tutoring; advanced placement classes; and special enrichment programs. Payments for Children with Disabilities must be used for the extra costs of educating these children, 40% will be distributed by formula and 60% will be

	distributed through competitive grants at a later date.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Education 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202 Phone: 1-800-USA-LEARN (1-800-872-5327)
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oease/impactaid/whatisia.html

Program:	Arts and the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009
CNMI Funding:	\$25,000
Funding Agency:	National Endowment for the Arts
Description:	To support the preservation of jobs that are threatened by declines in philanthropic and other support during the current economic downturn. Project Description: Project on hold (Status: Not Started)
Contact Information:	CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.

TRANSPORTATION

Program:	Territorial Highway Program: Route 31, Cross Island Road
CNMI Funding:	\$4.5 million
Funding Agency:	Federal Highway Administration, U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT)
Description:	Funds for purposes of road expansion and reconstruction for designated highway infrastructure. Reconstructing existing roadway to upgrade and repair pavement structure. The Bidding for construction management through RFP . Evaluation was completed in compliance with local procurement regulation and the contract is being routed. Of funds awarded, \$450,000.00 has been obligated through the local treasury for purposes of the construction management. (Status: Not Started) No positions have been created due to this funding as of this report date. Once project begins, jobs will include construction related positions, as well as administrative and management positions.
Contact Information:	Federal Highway Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE Washington, DC 20590 800-832-5660 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/economicrecovery/summary.htm

Program:	Transit Capital Assistance: Renovation of Bus Facility
CNMI Funding:	\$1,114,292
Funding Agency:	Federal Transit Administration, USDOT
Description:	Invest in public transportation by renovating bus maintenance facility and to create jobs. Notice To Proceed was issued on March 18, 2010 for A/E Services to be completed by October 10, 2010. Construction schedule to be determined upon completion of A/E drawings and procurement processing. (Status: Not Started)
Contact Information:	Federal Transit Administration 1200 New Jersey Ave SE Washington, DC 20590 1-800-877-8339 (Phone)
Website:	http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Program:	Grants-in-Aid for Airports: Saipan International Airport Rehabilitate Runway
CNMI Funding:	\$5 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department Of Transportation
Description:	Project is to rehabilitate the 8,700 linear foot Runway 07/25 at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport due to its deteriorating condition since the construction over 20 years ago. This will allow safer aircraft landing and will also extend the life of the runway. Associated work also includes new lighting, signage and electrical work. Project includes construction and construction management services. Limited construction activities have started including mobilization and minor electrical work. To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery. To invest in transportation infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits and enhance the National Aviation System. Vendors consist of the construction company currently performing survey work and consultant performing construction management services, overseeing all construction activities.
Contact Information:	<u>U.S. Department of Transportation</u> Federal Aviation Administration 800 Independence Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20591 1-866-TELL-FAA (1-866-835-5322)
Website:	http://www.faa.gov/recovery/

PARKS AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Program:	Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust
CNMI Funding:	\$57,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	ARRA Leaking Underground Storage (LUST)Program, these funds will assist with the assessment and cleanup of petroleum releases from underground storage tanks in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. Two private landowners of possible leaking underground storage tanks, were contacted by the CNMI DEQ with a request for all available information regarding these properties. The process of publication of an RFP in the CNMI press for competitive selection of site investigation and assessment contractors was begun. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) No jobs specific to the ARRA funds have been created.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Install Grid-Connected Solar Array - American Memorial Park, Saipan.
CNMI Funding:	\$747,000
Funding Agency:	National Park Service
Description:	Install grid-connected solar array - American Memorial Park, Saipan. Additional design added to original scope of work. (Status: Completed) Completed additional design added to original scope of work. Project administration. Recipient Engineering Solutions, INC.
Contact Information:	National Park Service 1849 C Street NW Washington, DC 20240 Phone:(202) 208-3818
Website:	http://www.nps.gov/index.htm

Program:	Brownfields Projects
CNMI Funding:	\$750,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Funds are provided for Brownfields competitive grants to address environmental site assessment and cleanup, 25 percent of which are mandated by law to address petroleum contamination. Funds will capitalize revolving funds and provide low interest loans, job training grants and technical assistance to local governments and non-profit organizations.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA)
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	Created in 2005, the DERA program provides grants and loans to states and local governments for projects that reduce diesel emission. Priority projects include those that maximize public health benefits by significantly reducing particulate matter emissions which are a significant threat to both human health and a likely contributor to global warming. The program also targets geographic areas with high air pollution and air toxics and areas that receive a disproportionate quantity of air pollution, such as truck stops and ports. EPA funds technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Wastewater Treatment Construction Programs: Clean Water State Revolving Funds
CNMI Funding:	\$1.1 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	<p>The project is the Rehabilitation of the Sadog Tasi Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant has a 4.0MGD capacity and was built 1993. There has been no major repair or rehabilitation that was done since it was built. The equipment has become obliterated through the years. Extensive corrosion has eaten most of the structural steel the holds up the aeration tanks due to the tropical corrosive environment. Oftentimes, the pumps, belt filter press, experiences downtimes due to dilapidated rickety old condition. The air diffusers at the bottom shows major breaks in the pipe network The scope of work is inclusive of replacement of the corrosive structural steel parts of the basins, rehabilitation of the belt filter press equipment, which processes the sludge, replacement of the aeration diffuser network into floating aerator system, replacement and upgrade of wet well pits and pumps.</p> <p>EPA BUDGET SUMMARY Grant Administration \$25,000 Construction \$986,700 Collateral Equipment \$0 Contingencies \$90,000 Total \$1,101,700 Budget Justifications The cost was derived from latest current market price of labor and equipment and the material cost was from actual quotations from vendors, and the bid costs received from the recent bid.</p> <p>Project Development Schedule The proposed project Development Time Schedule is enumerated below. The number of days shown are in reference to the date the CUC receives approval of the EPA Grant Award. Description Estimated Completion from Award Date 1. Preparation of Revised Bid Document Package(in-house) Solicitation of Bids for Construction 30 days 2. Bid Evaluation/Award / Contract Routing 30 days 3. Construction 365 days 4. Grant Close-out 30 days.</p> <p>The contract was fully executed and the NTP was issued Feb. 16, 2010, which gives a contract completion date of Nov. 8, 2010. The Contractor, GPPC, Inc, has submitted for the following submittals: 1. Various Pump equipment(s) - all in compliance with the 'Buy American Clause' and project specification. 2. Aerators - manufacturer from U.S. 3. Project Schedule - Contractor advised to resubmit, since the schedule may affect/disrupt the sewage treatment process. 4. Schedule of Values - noted to make correction to identify items under the</p>

	ARRA fund and items under the OIA fund. Contractor started the draining of aeration basin #1 and the clarifier basin. A crane was set-up and temporary by-pass pump was staged inside the basins for the draining and discharging into the other sewer basin. Contractor has not submitted for any payment application yet. USEPA official inspected/visited the site and the project file, made site interviews. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) The job made is of Project Engineering Administration since the project is on the start-up stage. Some plumber, helpers worked on the job for the set-up of the pump in order to drain the sewer basins.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(PHONE)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Drinking Water State Revolving Funds
CNMI Funding:	\$1.8 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) has about 38 wells that feed directly into the system. These wells wastes energy unnecessarily, have frequent motor/pump replacements, and most importantly, has the highest detection of bacteria where the treatment system failure is attributed to pumping against a dead pressure. By diverting these wells into water tanks, there will be longer contact time for the chlorine and these wells will be able to pump continuously on a certain head therefore producing more water for the residents of the CNMI. Combining different wells into a tank is also one way of decreasing the amount of nitrate level in the water. The project scope involves the installation of transmission lines to connect direct feed wells from different villages into water tank storages to meet all federal safe drinking water standards and requirements. This project will also include the construction of new 4 inch Transmission Line to connect 3 (three) new wells that the CNMI Water Task Force has drilled in Kagman area, construct Control Panel Enclosures, Perimeter Security Fencing, exterior slabs, installation of pumps, construction of properly designed wellheads and connecting the wells into the CUC power grid.

	<p>This grant will provide funding to redirect water from 25 drinking water wells that pump into the distribution system to pump directly to existing reservoirs, thereby eliminating 9 chlorination sites and 1 booster station. Redirection of the drinking water wells to pump directly to reservoirs will result in energy savings and increased pumping efficiency. CUC received 3 bids on Jan. 27, 2010. A bid review committee was immediately formed to review the bid packages. After review of the bid packages, the committee recommended to award the construction project to the lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder which was GPPC, Inc. A Notice to Proceed was then established on Feb. 16, 2010. The contractor has submitted all the bonding and insurance requirements along with Quality Control Plan, Accident Prevention/Public Safety and Health Plan. Material submittals are currently being reviewed. All project signs are now being fabricated and will be erected when completed. The A&E (JCTEA) firm has also been awarded the CM services for this project and a Change Order contract has been finalized for them to perform additional engineering services in connection to this project. Proper coordinations are also being scheduled to expedite work on an area where an ongoing road project is being undertaken by another government agency (DPW). CUC has processed, approved and paid 3 Payment Request for a total amount of \$91,800.00. CUC has received \$91,800.00 as reimbursement for PR#1 to #3. All funds have been obligated in a contract. This project will construct water transmission lines to divert direct feed wells to pump directly into existing tanks on our system. This project will also eliminate 9 chlorination sites and 1 Booster Station on our system. This will include the removal of chlorination equipment, 9-2 HP booster pumps and 2-30 HP Booster Pumps, thereby reducing the required energy to operate our system and the O&M cost. The 9-2 HP Chlorine booster pumps will be no longer needed as well as the pumps will pump to a tank and all treatment will be done at the tank site. By having the water treated at the tank site, this will reduce the number of sites to be maintained and monitor thereby reducing the amount of fuel needed. The 2-30HP Booster Pumps will no longer be needed as well as the pumps will pump to a common tank located at a higher elevation resulting in a significant reduction on our system energy requirement. By diverting these wells to pump continuously to a tank having a fixed head and fixed demand, pumps & motors will operate more efficiently with less energy required and producing</p>
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	more water for the people of the CNMI. Construction of control panel buildings will also be included to protect all the electrical and control panels of the 3 new wells in Kagman Village area.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	http://www.epa.gov/recovery/basic.html#overview

Program:	Wastewater Treatment Construction Programs
CNMI Funding:	\$1,450,000
Funding Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	<p>The grant provides funding for the rerouting/realignment of sewer collection lines and abandonment of two sewer pump stations to enhance the routing of wastewater. The rerouting and abandonment of the sewer pump stations will significantly reduce energy usage and operation and maintenance costs.</p> <p>The project contract was fully executed and NTP was issued February 16, 2010, which gives a contract completion date of November 8, 2010. The Contractor, ASC Corporation has completed the submittal stage as described below: 1. Project Schedule - recipient reviewed with minor changes and was resubmitted and approved. 2. Schedule of Values - no exception 3. Site Survey - Recipient requested to include residents within the 200lf from the main sewerline, in order to determine the possibility of sewerage these residents. Survey completed. 4. Shop Drawings - pipe connections, fittings, transitions and valve boxes shop drawings were submitted and approved. 5. Materials submittal(s) of PVC pipe, fittings, manhole covers, frames, valves/boxes, miscellaneous nut & bolts were reviewed and found to be all in conformance of the 'Buy american' clause.</p> <p>Miscellaneous project permits were secured as to earthmoving, historical preservation, Fish & Wildlife, Coastal Resources, Road Cutting permit and NEPA clearance. Material(s) order were all placed from U.S. manufacturers and suppliers. Project signboard is schedule to be erected sometime the week of April 12-19.</p>

	USEPA official visited/inspected the project file and project site, made interviews of contractor's personnel. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) The job is basically on the project engineering side of starting up the project. No site/field activities have started.
Contact Information:	U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)
Website:	www.epa.gov

Program:	Clean Water Act-Water Quality Management Planning Section
CNMI Funding:	\$200,000
Funding Agency:	Environmental Protection Agency
Description:	<p>This project supports water quality management planning activities that are authorized under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The goal of this project is to document the existing and possible future environmental impacts of on-site wastewater disposal systems in two unsewered homestead areas of Saipan - namely Dan Dan homestead and Kagman homestead. The goal of this project will be accomplished by: 1) completing an on-site disposal system survey to collect information about the existing on-site disposal systems; 2) analyzing the data collected during the survey to determine population density and wastewater disposal rates; 3) collecting water samples from groundwater wells and near shore environments to be examined for contaminants from wastewater; 4) collecting and compiling previously published data on groundwater and near shore water quality; and 5) developing a database to store and retrieve the project data. A contractor/environmental consultant will be hired to assist with researching the existing water quality information and analysis of the new data. Another contractor will be hired to build the database. The field work for this project will be conducted by existing DEQ personnel retained to work specifically on this project. A. On February 1, CNMI procurement office issued a purchase order to Trimble Navigation</p>

	<p>for the procurement of a handheld GPS unit and related software. The P.O. was in the amount of \$6,075.00. The CNMI Treasury cut a check for this amount and it was mailed to Trimble on March 23, 2010. As of the end of the quarter, Trimble had not received the check in the mail (or released the GPS unit).</p> <p>B. DEQ received three proposals from vendors for the On-Site Wastewater System Database RFP. DEQ's RFP review committee evaluated the proposals, and selected Angil Designs as the preferred vendor. The contract with Angil Designs for \$9,910 was finalized and the Notice to Proceed was issued on March 10. The Initial meeting was held with the contractor. The contractor submitted the first deliverable under work item number 2 on March 30.</p> <p>C. DEQ received one proposal from a vendor for the Environmental Consulting Services RFP. DEQ's RFP committee evaluated the proposal, and recommended awarding a contract to APEC for \$9,900.00. The contract was finalized on March 30, but the Notice to Proceed was not issued before the end of the quarter.</p> <p>D. A purchase order for \$5,000 has been established to cover the cost of fuel associated with conducting the survey for this project. Total encumbrances are Angil Contract \$9,910 + APEC contract \$9,900 + Fuel P.O. \$5,000 = \$24,810.</p> <p>E. \$3,741 will be charged to the project to cover the hours worked by the project coordinator during the quarter. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) The project coordinator (a DEQ staffer) spent 51.25 hours on the project during the past quarter (January - March 2010). The hours spent working on the project will be reimbursed to DEQ from the grant funds. The contractor the on-site wastewater database design spent 56.3 hours on the project during the past quarter. A total of $51.25 + 56.3 = 107.55$ hours was spent working on this project. The 'number of jobs' calculation was performed using guidance from the Office of Management and Budget, Memorandum M-10-08 dated 12/18/09, which states that 'The estimate of the number of jobs created/retained should be expressed as FTEs...to calculate, the number of actual hours worked in funded jobs are divided by the number of hours representing a full work schedule.</p>
Contact Information:	<p>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, DC 20460 202-272-0167(Phone)</p>
Website:	<p>www.epa.gov</p>

ENERGY

Program:	State Energy Program
CNMI Funding:	\$18,651,000 million
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	To institute various energy projects within the CNMI. To reduce the importation of fossil fuel and increase energy efficiency within the CNMI. Announced RFPs through CNMI ARRA website and selected project managers (contractors) to manage/oversee the various projects under this program. Met with various governments beneficiary agencies to address NEPA/EF-1 requirements. Attended ARRA-related trainings, webinars and teleconferences.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/recovery/

Program:	Weatherization Assistance Program
CNMI Funding:	\$997,182
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	For purposes of weatherizing homes of qualifying participants. Purposes include purchase of energy efficient appliances, weather stripping, caulking, light bulb replacement, and window treatments in an effort to reduce energy consumption. Weekly teleconference/webinars hosted by the U.S. Dept. of Energy Established weatherization measurement priorities, currently under DOE review Produced WAP program policy and procedure manual currently under DOE review Client intake forms and other documentation forms finalized Conducted home energy audits and weatherized nine (9) dwellings. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) Jobs retained: 1 FTE No jobs were created within this quarter.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW

	Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/recovery/

Program:	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant
CNMI Funding:	\$ 9,593,500
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy
Description:	To assist entities in implementing energy efficiency and conservation strategies by reducing fossil fuel, to reduce energy use; and improve energy efficiency in the transportation, building, and other appropriate sectors. Assists local governments in implementing strategies to reduce fossil fuel emissions created as a result of activities within the jurisdictions of the eligible entities and reduce the total energy use. Activities eligible to receive funding include: conducting residential and commercial building energy audits; establishing financial incentives programs for energy efficiency improvements; grants to non-profits organizations to perform energy efficiency retrofits; developing/implementing programs to conserve energy used in transportation; developing and implementing building codes and inspections services to promote building energy efficiency; installing light emitting diodes (LEDs); and developing, implementing, and installing on or in any government building onsite renewable energy technology that generates electricity from renewable sources. Five (5) new jobs will be created.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)
Website:	http://apps1.eere.energy.gov/wip/block_grants.cfm#eligible

Program:	State Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program
CNMI Funding:	\$100,000
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Energy

Description:	<p>To conserve energy through the promotion of early retirement of inefficient appliances by offering consumer rebates.</p> <p>Completed the submission of the grant application on 10-15-09. Received the full grant award balance on 12-11-09. The CNMI Energy Division began coordinating with Department of Public Works' Operations and Maintenance staff assigned to remove and safely dispose of all chlorofluorocarbons (or CFCs) from the appliances that are to be replaced through this program. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) The award doesn't have any positions attached to the funding. The program is designed to minimize administrative costs in an effort to increase rebate funding.</p>
Contact Information:	<p>U.S. Department of Energy 1000 Independence Ave., SW Washington, DC 20585 1-800-342-5363(Phone) 1-202-586-5000 (Main Switchboard)</p>
Website:	http://www.energy.gov/news2009/7634.htm

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

Program:	Workforce Investment Act: Dislocated Workers State Grant
CNMI Funding:	\$595,309
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Program is to provide services to individuals who have been terminated or laid off, or have received notice of termination or layoff, from employment generally due to company closures or downsizing. Core services will include job search and placement assistance (including career counseling); labor market information (which identifies job vacancies; skills needed for in-demand jobs). In the Dislocated worker program a total of 0 jobs were created based on current job calculations. The CNMI State plans to hire/recruit a WIA Dislocated Worker Program case manager.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Workforce Investment Act: Youth State Grants
CNMI Funding:	\$512,149
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	The WIA Youth Grants: Provision of employment-related services and work experience, including an expanded summer youth work experience component, to youth ages 14-24. For the Youth employment program (CFDA 17.259), a total of 2.7 jobs were created. The main thrust of the Youth Program is to increase the focus on longer-term academic and occupational learning opportunities and provide long-term comprehensive service strategies through summer jobs and training programs.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Workforce Investment Act: Adult State Grants
CNMI Funding:	\$205,279
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	WIA Adult Grants: Provision of work-related employment and training services, including job training opportunities, to unemployed or underemployed adults. For the Adult program (CFDA 17.258) 0 jobs were created. The CNMI State plans to hire/recruit a WIA Adult Program case manager.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	Community Service Employment for Older Americans
CNMI Funding:	\$89,962
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	To provide subsidized, part-time, community service work-based training for low-income persons age 55 or older who have poor employment prospects. It is intended that these community service experiences serve as a bridge to other employment positions not supported with Federal funds. Provision of subsidized, part-time, community service work-based training for low-income persons age 55 or older. (Status: More than 50% Completed) No jobs created at this time since this program caters to the training of our seniors aged 55 and older and although there is a supervisor under this program, it is being paid out of our local funding.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	YouthBuild
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Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	This competitive grant program funds projects that provide education and construction skills training for disadvantaged youth. Participating youth work primarily through mentorship and apprenticeship programs to rehabilitate and construct housing for low-income families.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

Program:	High Growth and Emerging Industry Sectors
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Labor
Description:	Funds are distributed by a competitive grant process to provide worker training and placement in high growth and emerging industry sectors. For research, labor exchange, and job training prospects that prepare workers for careers in deconstruction and materials use industry, energy efficient building, construction, and retrofits industries. In awarding remaining funds, priority shall be given to projects that prepare workers for careers in the health care sector.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Labor 200 Constitution Ave., NW Washington, DC 20210 1-877-889-5627(Phone)
Website:	http://www.dol.gov/recovery/implement.htm

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Program:	Child Care and Development Fund
CNMI Funding:	\$1,823,015
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	To provide child care subsidies for eligible parents on center-base, and family relative care; expansion of services to additional families; professional development for providers, including possible Infant/Toddler caregiver scholarships; work with licensing department to improve Infant/Toddler caregiver settings; worked with other agencies (Public School System, Head Start, Department of Public Health) toward the development of a comprehensive early care and education system.
Contact Information:	Adm. for Children and Families San Francisco Regional Office 90 7th St., 9th Floor San Francisco, CA 94103 415-437-8400(Phone) 415-437-8444(Fax)
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Children and Families Services Programs (Head Start/Early Head Start)
CNMI Funding:	\$340,000
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Child development programs with overall goal of increasing school readiness of young children in low income families.
Contact Information:	Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201
Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html

Program:	Prevention and Wellness Fund: NCD Prevention Integrating Diabetes and Tobacco Programs
CNMI Funding:	\$ 221,128
Funding Agency:	Prevention and Wellness Fund, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) is issuing this funding opportunity announcement (FOA) to support tobacco control, diabetes prevention and control, and BRFSS activities in the US Affiliated Pacific Islands. Public health efforts in tobacco control and diabetes prevention and control are critical to promoting the overarching goals of "Healthy People 2010", to increase the length and quality of life and eliminate health disparities. This program announcement addresses the focus areas of Tobacco Use, Educational and Community-Based Programs, Diabetes, and Surveillance and Data Systems.
Contact Information:	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 1600 Clifton Rd. Atlanta, GA 30333, USA 1800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) TTY: (888) 232-6348
Website:	www.hhs.gov

Program:	Community Services Block Grant
CNMI Funding:	\$770,658
Funding Agency:	Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Provide after-school program activities on social development, youth mentorship, volunteerism program for Youth Development Program Unit; Outreach Program; Sports activities for juvenile delinquents; activities and programs for Foster Care and Emergency Shelter Program (Status: Less Than 50% Completed). Jobs that were created are Benefits Enrollment Coordinator, and Community Worker. Recipient CNMI Department of Community and Cultural Affairs.
Contact Information:	Administration for Children and Families 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201

Website:	http://www.acf.hhs.gov/grants/grants_acyf.html
Program:	Congregate Meals
CNMI Funding:	\$40,625
Funding Agency:	Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Congregate Nutrition Services (Title III-C1) provides funding for the provision of meals and related services in an array of congregate settings, which help keep older Americans healthy and prevent the need for more costly medical interventions. The program also presents opportunities for social engagement and meaningful volunteer roles, which contribute to overall health and well-being.
Contact Information:	Administration on Aging Washington, DC 20201 202 619-0724(Phone)
Website:	http://www.aoa.gov/

Program:	Home Delivered Meals
CNMI Funding:	\$20,000
Funding Agency:	Administration on Aging, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Home-Delivered Nutrition Services (Title III-C2) provides funding for the delivery of meals and related services to seniors that are homebound. Home-delivered meals are often the first in-home service that an older adult receives, and the program is a key access point for the other home and community-based services. Home-delivered meals also are an essential service for many caregivers, by helping them to maintain their own health and well-being.
Contact Information:	Administration on Aging Washington, DC 20201 202 619-0724(Phone)
Website:	http://www.aoa.gov/

Program:	Medicaid
CNMI Funding:	\$6.5 million (based on 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments)
Funding Agency:	Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Insular areas have the following two options for benefits: (a) 6.2% increase in the Federal Medicaid Assistance Percentages (FMAP) plus 15% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments; OR (b) 30% increase in the cap on Medicaid payments.
Contact Information:	Medicare Service Center: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227) Medicare Service Center TTY: 877-486-2048 Report Medicare Fraud & Abuse: 800-HHS-TIPS (1-800-447-8477)
Website:	http://www.cms.hhs.gov/home/medicaid.asp

Program:	National Health Service Corps
Funding Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Competitive grants, scholarships, and loan repayment. Funds will be used for training primary healthcare providers including doctors, dentists, and nurses as well as helping pay medical school expenses for students who agree to practice in underserved communities through the National Health Service Corps.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	http://www.hrsa.gov/

Program:	Ryan White Title II Formula Grants Program
CNMI Funding:	\$ 45,287
Funding Agency:	Health Resources and Services Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	This grant used for developing and/or enhancing access to comprehensive variety of care which includes primary medical care, HIV-related medications; mental health treatment; substance

	abuse treatment; oral health; and case management services, home health care; nutritional, and rehabilitation services that assist low-income and families living with HIV. These funds are also used to ensure access to antiretroviral and other drug therapies, including prophylaxis and treatment of opportunistic infections as well as combination antiretroviral therapies.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	http://hab.hrsa.gov/law/0709.htm

Program:	Immunization Grant Program
CNMI Funding:	\$185,995
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Description:	Supplemental funding for reaching more children and adults in the community to ensure access to proper preventative healthcare. Candidates were selected and positions have been filled. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) Five immunization data clerks were hired during this past quarter. The Section 317 program provides funding for immunization operations and infrastructure necessary to implement a comprehensive immunization program at the federal, state, and local levels. The funding will be used to purchase vaccines as well as to deliver vaccines and strengthen vaccination programs.
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	www.hhs.gov

Program:	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Health Information Exchange
CNMI Funding:	\$800,000
Description:	
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	www.hhs.gov

Program:	ARRA DP09-902 Commonwealth N Mariana Islands Dept. of Health
CNMI Funding:	\$99,980
Description:	Begin identifying key stakeholders to engage for; implementing the Smoke free air act as well as developing policy for grocery stores to label healthy food, promote healthy food choices and develop a plan for walking paths in the CNMI
Contact Information:	The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20201 202-619-0257(Phone)
Website:	www.hhs.gov

HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

Program:	Community Development Block Grants
CNMI Funding:	\$1,374,719
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program will be used to fund projects that will increase economic efficiency create and/or retain jobs, and protect the environment. Environmental reviews for the Chalan Kanoa Kios Ku, Grotto Bathrooms and Tinian Infiltration System were completed during the quarter and the bid package is being prepared. The estimated time for contract execution is in late May. The Environmental Review for the Sinapalo Elementary School has not been completed as of 03/31/2010. As of date, the environmental review is being conducted and will be completed before the next quarter. (Status: Not Started)
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/

Program:	Home Investment Partnership Program (HOME)
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Partners with local non-profit groups to build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income people.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	<p>**The funds for HOME Program were originally intended to be regular HOME funds appropriated through ARRA. Before the passage, the HOME funds were switched out of the bills in favor of \$2.25 billion of TCAP funds. TCAP funds have no HOME requirements and can only be used in LIHTC projects. Under the terms of the statute, only the 50 states, D.C. and Puerto Rico will receive</p>

TCAP allocations. **

Program:	Neighborhood Stabilization Program
CNMI Funding:	\$364,162
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	Competitive Grants. Funds can be used by grantees to purchase and redevelop foreclosed homes, purchase and rehabilitate abandoned or foreclosed-upon homes, establish land banks, demolish blighted structures, and redevelop demolished or vacant properties as housing.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 202- 708-1112 (Phone) 202-708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/recoveryact.cfm

Program:	Homelessness Prevention Program and Rapid Re-housing Program
CNMI Funding:	\$589,165
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	To provide financial assistance and relocation and housing stabilization services to homeless and at-risk of being homeless families and individuals. Provided financial assistance and housing stabilization and relocation services to families and individuals who are homeless and are the risk of being homeless. (Status: Less Than 50% Completed) The type of job created is a component under the Case Management Services of the HPRP Program. The sub grantee was assigned to monitor the progress of program participants and provide services such as counseling and ensure that program participants' rights are protected.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homeless-prevention.cfm

Program:	Project-Based Rental Assistance
CNMI Funding:	\$104,208
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Description:	The Section 8 Program was authorized by Congress in 1974 and developed by HUD to provide rental subsidies for eligible tenant families (including single persons) residing in newly constructed, rehabilitated and existing rental and cooperative apartment projects.
Contact Information:	U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development 451 7th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20410 Telephone: (202) 708-1112 TTY: (202) 708-1455
Website:	http://www.hud.gov/recovery/pbrassistance.cfm

TAX AND BENEFITS

Program:	Earned Income Tax Credit
CNMI Funding:	\$11.8 million (2009 Tax Year)
Description:	The EITC is a credit for certain people who work. You (and your spouse, if you are filing a joint return) and any qualifying children listed on schedule EIC need valid social security numbers. Find out if you are eligible for the Earned Income Tax Credit or EITC by answering some questions and providing basic income information. The program also assists you in determining your correct filing status, determining whether your child(ren) meets the tests for a qualifying child, and estimating the amount of credit you may receive.
Contact Information:	Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 12192 Covington, KY 41012-0192 1-800-829-1040
Website:	http://www.irs.gov/index.html

Program:	Social Security
Eligibility Amount:	\$642,420 \$2,570-individuals
Description:	A person is eligible for this allowance if he or she received Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Veterans benefits at any time during the months of November 2008, December 2008 or January 2009. The payment will be made separately from other benefits provided by the Social Security Administration (SSA).
Contact Information:	Social Security Administration Office of Public Inquiries Windsor Park Building 6401 Security Blvd. Baltimore, MD 21235 1-800-772-1213
Website:	www.socialsecurity.gov

Program:	Higher Education Tax Credit
Eligibility Amount:	Up to \$2,500 of the cost of college tuition and other related expenses in 20009 and 2010.
Description:	Higher Education Tax Credit will allow you to claim a tuition deduction of up to \$4,000 of qualified education expenses paid during the year for yourself, your spouse, or you're dependent. You cannot claim this deduction if you're filing status is married filing separately or if another person can claim an exemption for you as a dependent on his or her tax return. The qualified expenses must be for higher education.
Contact Information:	Internal Revenue Service P.O. Box 12192 Covington, KY 41012-0192 1-800-829-1040
Website:	http://www.irs.gov/index.html

Program:	State Fiscal Stabilization Flex Funds
Funding Agency:	U.S. Department of Education
CNMI Funding:	\$12,194,000* (estimate here is based on equal division of funds)
Amount Recieved:	\$4,006,915
Description:	Funds are allocated to support Public Safety and other Government services. States must use 18.2 percent of the SFSF funds for education, public safety, and other government services. This may include assistance for early learning, elementary and secondary education, and IHEs. In addition, states may use these funds for modernization, renovation, or repair of public school and public or private college facilities. Allocation is based on "need" as determined by the Secretary of Education in consultation with the Secretary of Interior.
Website:	http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html